

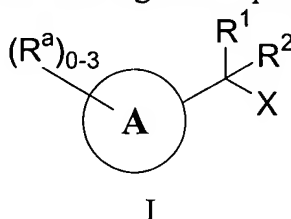
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 to 20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) A method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I



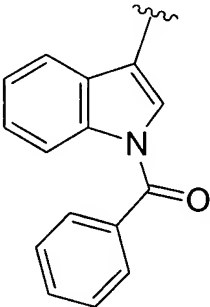
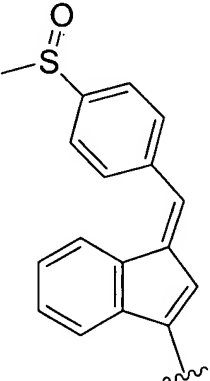
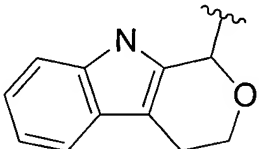
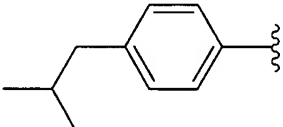
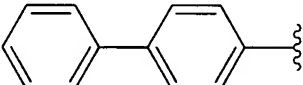
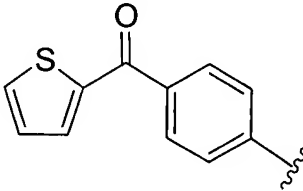
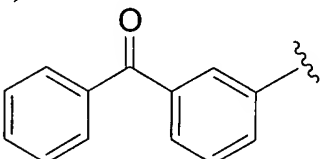
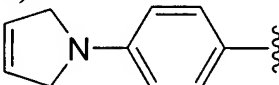
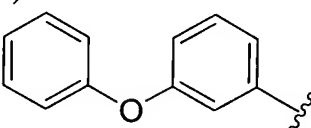
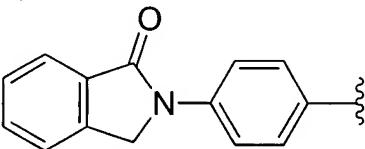
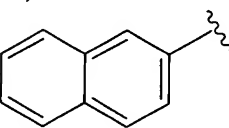
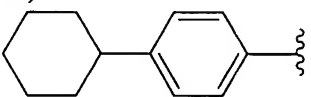
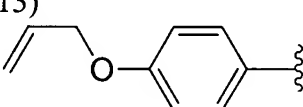
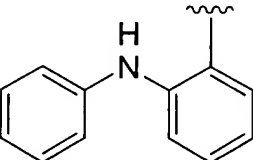
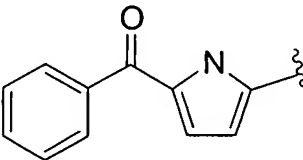
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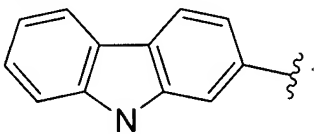
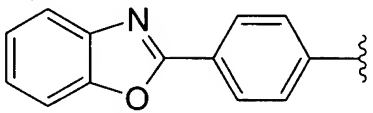
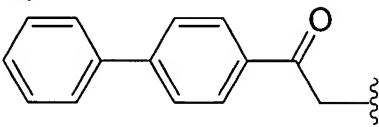
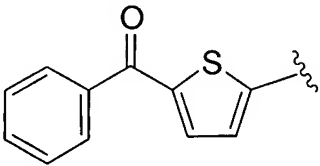
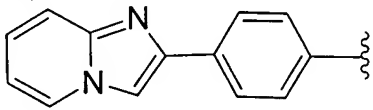
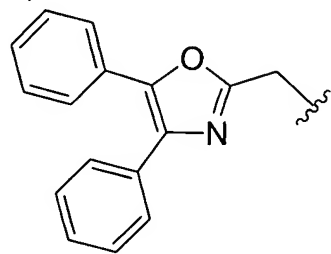
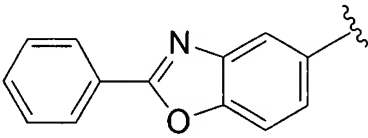
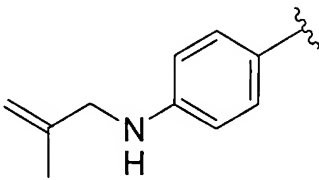
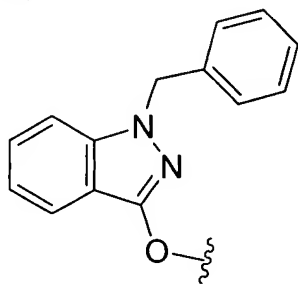
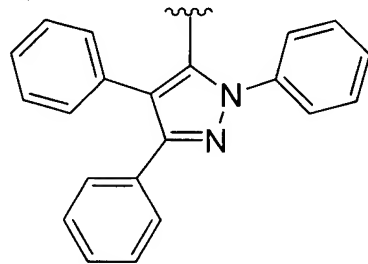
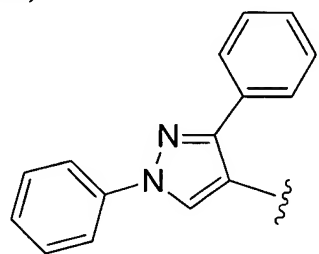
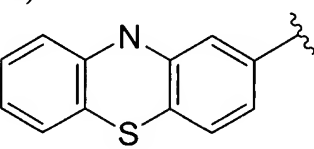
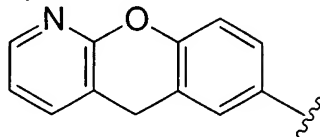
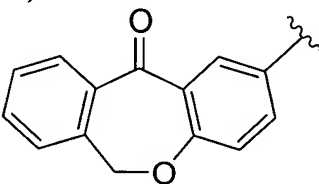
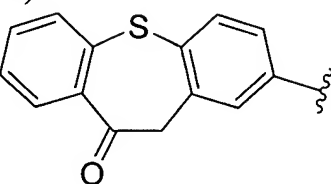
X is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, 1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl or 2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl;

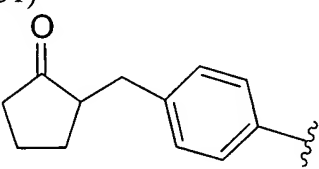
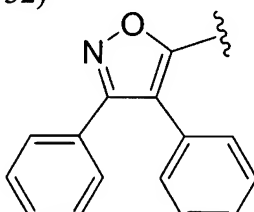
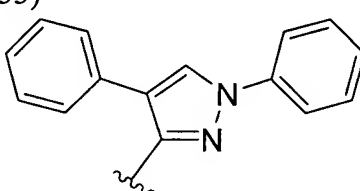
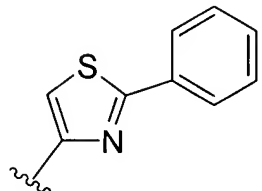
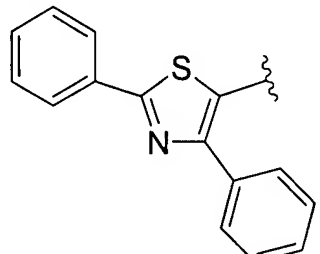
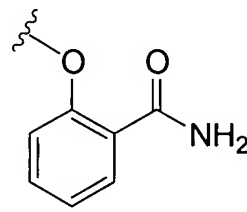
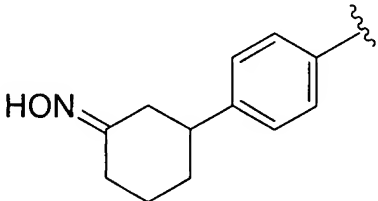
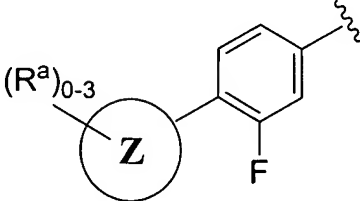
each R^a may be substituted at any substitutable position on A and each R^a is independently selected from the group consisting of: fluoro, chloro, bromo, NH_2 , methyl, ethyl, methoxy and CF_3 ;

R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of: C_1 -6alkyl and C_3 -6cycloalkyl; and

A is selected from the group consisting of:

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| 37)  and | 38)  | |

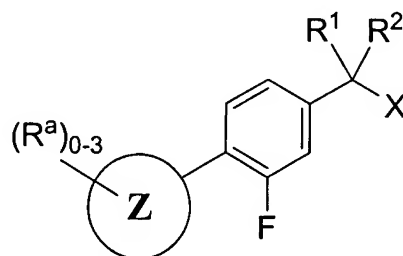
wherein for 38) above R^a is substituted on **A** as shown and **Z** is selected from the group consisting of: phenyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, indolaziny, indazolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolyl, quinoxalinyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, triazolyl, azetidyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, hexahydroazepinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dihydrobenzimidazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothiophenyl, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydroimidazolyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroisooxazolyl, dihydroisothiazolyl, dihydrooxadiazolyl, dihydrooxazolyl, dihydropyrazinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, dihydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, dihydroquinolyl, dihydrotetrazolyl, dihydrothiadiazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothienyl,

dihydrotriazolyl, dihydroazetidiny, methylenedioxybenzoyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, and tetrahydrothienyl,

in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.

22 to 31. (canceled)

32. (previously presented) A method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I'



I'

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Z is selected from the group consisting of: phenyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, indolaziny, indazolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolyl, quinoxalinyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, triazolyl, azetidiny, 1,4-dioxanyl, hexahydroazepinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dihydrobenzimidazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothiophenyl, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydroimidazolyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroisooxazolyl, dihydroisothiazolyl, dihydrooxadiazolyl, dihydrooxazolyl, dihydropyrazinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, dihydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, dihydroquinolinyl, dihydrotetrazolyl, dihydrothiadiazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothienyl, dihydrotriazolyl, dihydroazetidiny, methylenedioxybenzoyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, and tetrahydrothienyl,

X is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, 1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl or 2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl,

R¹ and R² are each independently ethyl or methyl, and

each R^a is independently selected from the group consisting of: fluoro, chloro, bromo, NH₂, methyl, ethyl, methoxy and CF₃,

in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.

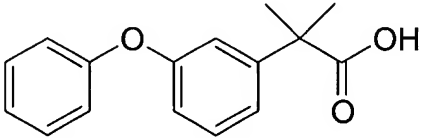
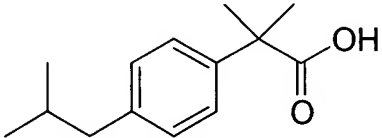
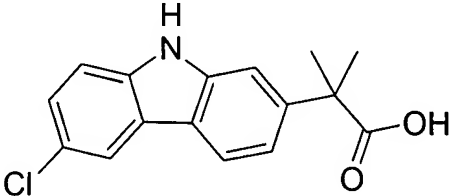
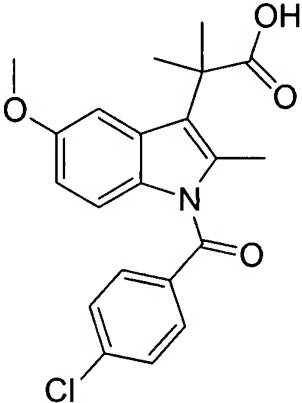
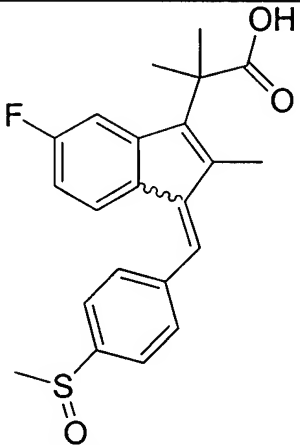
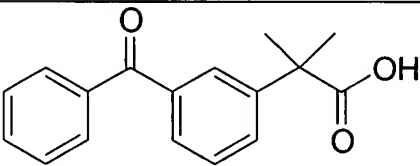
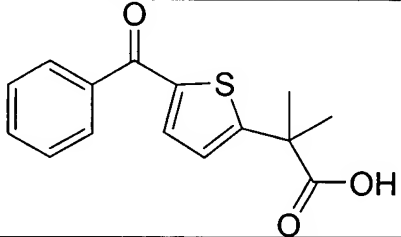
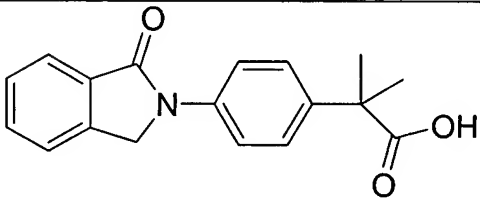
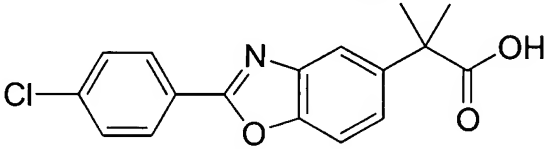
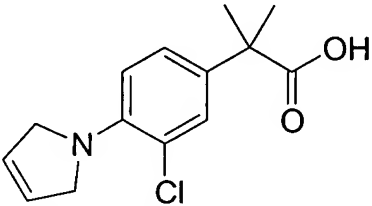
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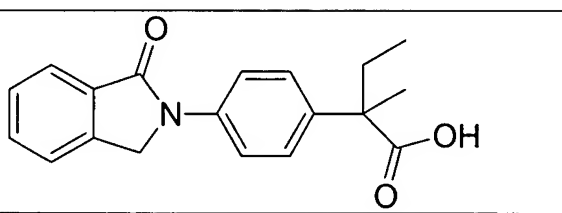
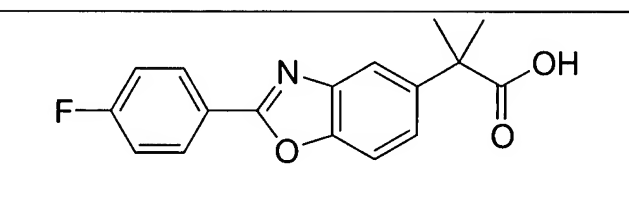
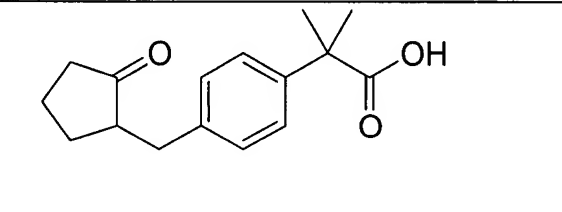
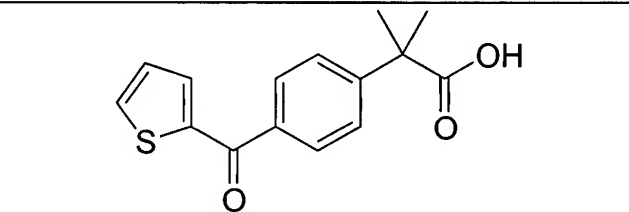
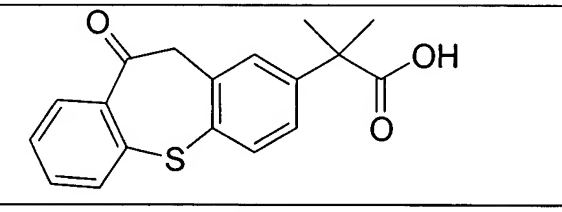
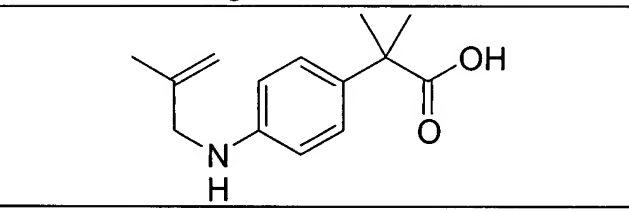
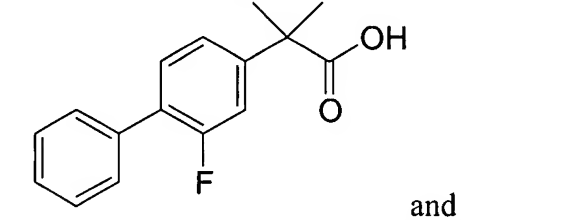
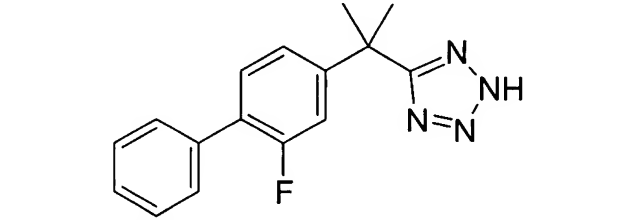
37. (previously presented) The method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof in accordance with Claim 21 comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I wherein R¹ and R² are each C₁₋₄alkyl and all other variables are as previously defined in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.

38. (previously presented) The method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof in accordance with Claim 37 comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I wherein R¹ and R² are each methyl and all other variables are as previously defined in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.

39. (previously presented) The method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof in accordance with Claim 21 comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I wherein X is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ and all other variables are as previously defined in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.

40. (previously presented) A method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof in accordance with Claim 21 comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I selected from the following group:

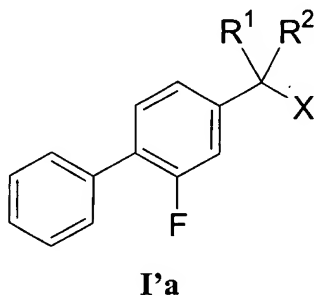
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the above, in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.

41. (canceled)

42. (previously presented) The method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof in accordance with Claim 32 comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I'a



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, 1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl or 2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl and

R¹ and R² are each independently ethyl or methyl, in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.